

then given by the Bishop, assisted by Fathers Jordan and Quinn, the incidental music being rendered by members of the Cathedral choir. Miss K. O'Connor presided at the organ.

The church is built of Halswell blue stone with Oamaru stone facings, and is of Gothic design with a graceful roof of Welsh slates. The walls inside are finished in cement matching the cream stone facings. Over the sanctuary is a handsomely moulded arch and on either side of the sanctuary in the nave niches accommodating the statues of the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin. The open Gothic roof is elaborately finished; there are sacristies on each side of the sanctuary, and the fine entrance porch is surmounted by a Celtic cross. The lead-light windows by Bradley Bros. are of exquisite design. The seating is of the best figured rimu, and the sanctuary floor of rubber tiles. There is also a fine choir gallery. The marble altar was designed and sculptured by Messrs. Tait, Christchurch, and is a very fine piece of workmanship. The keynote to the whole building is solidity, and Father Gallagher and his people with pardonable pride may consider it second to none for any country parish in the Dominion.

TIMARU CATHOLIC GLEE CLUB

CONCERT AT ST. ANDREWS.

On the 10th inst., the above choir gave a concert in the St. Andrews Hall, which was well filled by a large and appreciative audience (says the *Timaru Herald*). Under the baton of their talented conductor (Mr. A. C. McInnes) the choir rendered some choice items, showing splendid balance, evenness of tone and clear enunciation in such popular numbers as "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Juanita," "The Rosary," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Pale in the Amber West," "The Serenade," "Comrades in Arms," "Sweet and Low," "Fishing," and "Stars of the Summer Night."

Considering the short time the choir has been in existence, it has attained a high standard of efficiency, due in no small measure to the musical ability of its conductor. The supporting items were of a high standard, and were well received. Mr. Alan Shrimpton, the well-known and popular baritone, delighted the audience with his renderings of "O Sole Mio," in English and Italian, and "Because." In response to insistent encores, he gave "The Mountains of Mourne," and "The Murray Moon." The elocutionists of the party (Misses I. and M. Collins) were also heard to advantage, and had to respond to encores. Miss C. Kyle gave a fine display of national dancing, and is always a popular favorite. Miss N. Scannell and Miss R. Leeming gave pianoforte duets in pleasing style. The accompaniments were sympathetically played by Miss N. Scannell and Mr. A. C. McInnes.

The concert was in every way a great success, and the Glee Choir, having set such a high standard, their concerts will always be popular with lovers of good music, besides being a decided acquisition to the musical talent of South Canterbury.

After the concert the ladies of St. Andrews entertained the choir and assisting artists to supper. Mr. J. Daly (president of the choir), on behalf of the visitors, thanked the ladies for their kindness in providing supper also the gentlemen who so kindly prepared the ball. He also took advantage of the occasion to express the choir's sincere appreciation of the capable and thorough manner in which Mr. G. M. Gamble had carried out his duties as secretary and added that the organisation and success of the choir's concerts was largely due to his energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Daly also took the opportunity of thanking Rev. Fathers Hurley and Barra for the practical interest they had shown in the choir since its inception.

Father Hurley suitably responded on behalf of the St. Andrews people, after which dancing terminated a very enjoyable evening.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Australian Catholic Truth Society will take place at the Cathedral Hall, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, on Monday, the 30th November, at 8 p.m. A special feature of that occasion will be a lecture on "The Conversion of Australia" by the Very Rev. Dr. Maurice O'Reilly, C.M., of St. John's College, Sydney University.

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A series of lectures will be delivered by specialists on subjects of interest to Teachers and University Students.

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Fuller particulars will be given later.

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Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

November 20.

On Sunday morning at Buckle Street, the street was thronged with worshippers hastening to the ordination ceremony. The aspirant for the priesthood was the Rev. Peter Breen. Taranaki thus adds another to the number of youths she has given to God, and New Zealand adds another to her fast increasing roll of native-born priests. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea officiated, and conferred the dignity of the priesthood upon this latest member. Rev. Father McDonnell, S.M., St. Patrick's College, was deacon; Very Rev. Dean Connolly, Kilbirnie, subdeacon; and Father F. Cullen, Chancellor, master of ceremonies. Present in the sanctuary were Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Father Fallon (Newtown), and Rev. Father Butler (Buckle Street). Father Breen gave his blessing to the congregation after the Mass was over. In the evening he gave Benediction and again gave his blessing to the people, to whom a young priest's first blessing means so much. The next morning he said his first Mass at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, some of his relatives being present.

The garden party given by the Seatoun College was even more than usually a glowing success. An unpromising morning developed into a day of golden sunshine, a change due doubtless to that powerful band of pray-ers, the small boys of the college. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all concerned. The proceeds were in the vicinity of £300, surely a record result from any single afternoon's entertainment!

The memory of Father Maples was honored yesterday by a Month's Mind in the church wherein so long he labored, the Church of the Sacred Heart, Petone. Everything was done as he would have wished. No panegyric was preached. He never loved praises. The organ was not used. The Gregorian chant which he loved was sung. Very Rev. Dean Regnault was celebrant, and was assisted by the Rev. Father Kelly (Newtown) as deacon, and the Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., as subdeacon, and Rev. Father Devoy as M.C. In the sanctuary were his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Archbishop O'Shea, Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Father Connolly, Rev. Father McDonnell (St. Patrick's College), Rev. Father Mahony (St. Mary's), Rev. Father G. Mahony (Wanganui), Rev. Father Hilley (Stratford), Rev. Father Brennan (Eltham), Rev. Father O'Donnell (Waipawa), Rev. Father Carmine (Tailhappe), Rev. Father Daly (Lower Hutt), Rev. Father Fallon (Newtown), Rev. Father Hegarty (Carterton), Rev. Father Murphy (St. Mary's), Rev. Father Dillon (Newtown), Rev. Father Lenihan (Kilbirnie), Rev. Fathers Smythe, Cullen, Butler (St. Joseph's), Rev. Fathers Gill, C.S.S.R., and Griffin (Johnsonville).

Another of the pioneers has entered into her sweet rest in the person of Mrs. Mary Abbott, of Pahautanni. All who knew her loved her. She was just twenty when she came here to begin that long useful existence that has just closed. So New Zealand claims

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